

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE****REMARKS**

Claims 1-44 were previously pending in this patent application. Claims 1-44 stand rejected. Claims 1, 8, 15, 24, and 35 have been amended. Accordingly, after the above claim amendments, Claims 1-44 remain pending in this patent application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

This amendment incorporates changes to the Claim 1, 8, 15, 24, and 35 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome all pending rejections in light of the cited references, including Fujita. No new matter was added. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment places the above captioned patent application in a condition for allowance.

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE****CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to the Claims and remarks overcome all rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e), and 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). For at least the above presented reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining claims (Claims 1-44) are now in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicit such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE****Version With Markings To Show Changes Made****IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 8, 15, 24, and 35 have been amended as follows:

1. (Once amended)        A method of communicating broadcast information comprising the steps of:

    a) causing a server to communicate a first stream representing digital broadcast information to a first user device wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;

    b) causing said server to communicate a second stream representing said broadcast information to a second user device wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

    c) causing said first user device to communicate a third stream representing said broadcast information to a third user device wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

    d) receiving and rendering, [pseudo simultaneously] concurrently, said broadcast information on said first, second and third user devices.

8. (Once amended)        A method of broadcasting information over a network of electronic devices, said method comprising the steps of:

    transmitting broadcast information from a server to a first group of electronic devices of said network; and

    achieving [pseudo-simultaneously] broadcasting of said broadcast information for said first group and a second group of electronic devices by

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forwarding said broadcast information from said first group of electronic devices to said second group of electronic devices of said network such that said first and second groups of electronic devices receive and render, concurrently, said broadcast information.

15.(Once amended) A method of communicating broadcast information comprising the steps of:

a) communicating a first digital stream to a first user device, said first digital stream representing broadcast information, said step a) performed by a server and wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;

b) communicating a second digital stream to a second user device, said second digital stream representing said broadcast information, said step b) performed by said server and wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

c) communicating a third digital stream to a third user device, said third digital stream representing said broadcast information, said step c) performed by said first user device wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

d) receiving and rendering, [pseudo simultaneously] concurrently, said broadcast information on said second and third user devices.

24. (Once amended) A system for communicating broadcast information comprising:

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a) a server configured to communicate a first digital stream to a first user device, said first digital stream representing broadcast information and wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;

b) said server also configured to communicate a second digital stream to a second user device, said second digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

c) said first user device configured to communicate a third digital stream to a third user device, said third digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

d) said second and said third user devices also for receiving and rendering, [pseudo simultaneously] concurrently, said broadcast information.

35. (Once amended) A system for communicating broadcast information comprising:

a) a server configured by a transmission scheduler to communicate a first digital stream to a first user device, said first digital stream representing broadcast information and wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;

b) said server also configured by said transmission scheduler to communicate a second digital stream to a second user device, said second digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said second user device is coupled to the Internet;

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c) said first user device configured by said transmission scheduler to communicate a third digital stream to a third user device, said third digital stream representing said broadcast information and wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and

d) wherein said second and said third user devices are also for receiving and rendering, [pseudo simultaneously] concurrently, said broadcast information; and

e) wherein said transmission scheduler schedules and maintains communication links between said sever, said first user device, said second user device and said third user device to transmit said broadcast information.